



## MEETING MINTUES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**September 2, 2008**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Supervisor Vikki Bauer

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hazard

### OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke

### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Hazard:** Boxenbaum meetings – water issues; EMS drills in Mammoth – did not feel it was progressing properly; communication system now in place does not work and will not work; it is clear that the BOS is responsible and held accountable as authority in a disaster; critique should include comments that Board has real time access to info. White Mtn. Estates - approval of 39 units in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase – connecting two communities together on water source; Projects should be moved forward; new project should be independent from first project. Swall Meadows/Pinion Ranch Estates – wanted to create solar panel system for home – and did so on his own property (approved by planning department) this affected the entire community because it was big and industrial looking and reflected sun on other homes; had group discussion and a group has volunteered to work with homeowner and try to mitigate this situation. Need to look at county policy for approving such projects. Benton Tribe has had arbitration period and notice was given and Salque is out of tribe now.

**Reid:** RCRC meeting; Annual meeting is September 24 – 26; Fire Safe service can go on private land to clear and clean debris and also go on USFS land; boat inspection for muscles –will have to have permits; Went to disaster preparedness – sheriff office EOC is much too small – should look at some other facility for EOC; Need work on coordination – if disaster hits or more practice Rita needs assistance – too much for one person; need tape recording from callers during disaster; waited for critique to happen – a paper was passed out and had to be turned in – no verbal discussion; left a little to be desired

**Hunt:** working on own yard to make it more fire safe; attended emergency exercise and was very disappointed in Supervisors roll – discouraging because had to wait for others to give information – no formal critique given;

**Farnetti:** attended First Five meeting; C.A.R.E.S. program contract renewed; Mono County Health and Human Services contract for home visitation program for newborns through 5 years old; First Five strategic plan; Town county Liaison meeting – Airport should be ready mid to late Oct. TSA will be responsible for providing security service – group from Reno; reassessment Prop. 8 property taxes; update on Rodeo Grounds; update on Eastern Sierra Transit; met with Evan Nikirk re Public Works reorganization and litter at some landfills. Attended disaster drill and found no communication between North and South County nor with hospital – lots of shortfalls; Birthday Party for Dan Haydon 80 years old; Going away party for Bill Dunkelberg is coming up; no state budget yet.

**Bauer:** Went to Town Council to support Blue Ribbon Committee – now it is not timely and will have to tell them it has been put off until spring; Dennis Domaille doing alright blood drives will be held;; Eastern Sierra Transit, email ; lots of planning done – need to be able to access transportation money; hearings will be in California in October;

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel, comments on PUC hearings on 760 . – there is not much for our Board to do at this time.

Petition is seeking promotion of original recommendation to not break off any portion of 760 but add another area code to be distributed to new customers; Will report back with any proposed decision.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)  
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.  
*Worked on budget since last report*

## 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**M08-176** Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 12, 2008.  
*Hunt/Farnetti 5-0*

**M08-177** Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 19, 2008.  
*Farnetti/Hazard 5-0*

**M08-178** Minutes of the Special Meeting held August 19, 2008.  
*Hunt/Hazard 4-0 Abstain: Reid*

## CLOSED SESSION

Enter session at 9:05 a.m. (Supervisor Bauer does not enter closed session)

Exit Closed Session 9:50 a.m.

Recess: 10:50 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:55 a.m.

## COUNTY COUNSEL

- 3a) Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential case: one.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Lynda Roberts, County Clerk: Exploring the possibility of using Mammoth High School gym for a combined polling site. Determined it is too late to solve issues and/or problems we will keep polling places as they now are – Mammoth Community Center and Suite Z.

## CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 4a) Consent Agenda - There are no items on the Consent Agenda.

## REGULAR AGENDA

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

**Item 5a** pulled by Supervisor Farnetti: asks that County Counsel review this item from California Public Utilities Commission and determine if it affects us.

## CLERK-RECORDER

- 5a) California Public Utilities Commission, regarding 760 Numbering Plan Area - Documents Before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California regarding application of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, on behalf of the California Telecommunications Industry, for Relief of the 760 Numbering Plan Area (copy of documents mailed to Mono County Board of Supervisors).
- 5b) Letter from Al Heinrich - Letter from Al Heinrich to Mono County Economic Development Division regarding the June Lake Economic Development and Job Retention/Creation Study--Population Data (copy sent to Mono County Board of Supervisors).
- 5c) Letter from Kathy Watkins - Letter from Kathy Watkins, Mono County Red Cross, to Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding the Mammoth Lakes CERT Team.
- 5d) Letters regarding Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act - Letters addressed to the Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding the Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act.

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## CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6a) Assessment Appeals Board (**Lynda Roberts**) - Rate of compensation for members of the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board.  
**No action**

**Action:** Adopt **Resolution R08-** increasing the amount paid to members of the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board from \$100 per day plus mileage, to \$100 for half-day meetings and \$200 for full-day meetings, plus mileage; and increasing the amount paid to the chair of the board from \$125 per day plus mileage, to \$125 for half-day meetings and \$250 for full-day meetings, plus mileage.

**Discussion by all Board members. This should be included in the consideration of fees county wide. Should be delayed until all boards and commissions are considered for fee increases. This is scheduled to be considered in approximately 5-6 weeks.**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 7a) South County Recreation and Parks District (**David Wilbrecht**) - Receive

**No Action**

presentation by David Wilbrecht regarding a South County Recreation and Parks District.

Comments by CAO re formation of this district. Looking for feedback from Board and recommendations for next steps.

Hunt is in support of this project and how south county would benefit from this. Feels that this would be better served after the election, etc. and should be moved to Spring/Summer of 2009 –too many other things going on.

Farnetti: many things happening now and should delay this until perhaps Fall/Winter or until there are not so many issues in the works.

Hazard: Town needs to understand where they are in their budgeting etc. and what is the relationship of all recreational groups in South County – what components would be supported and which would be abandoned; should do this but not now.

Reid: problems with this conceptually This is not the time to discuss this. There are problems – seems like an end run on our property tax money A lot of complications with this.

Bauer consensus – we should start at the RPAC level with this and discuss this with RPAC ; Hazard feels that at this time there is nothing to put before the RPACS;

CAO will go to Town meeting and report on Board consensus on this.

**FINANCE**

**Additional Departments: CAO**

8a)

**Recess: 10:20 a.m.**

**Reconvene: 10:30 a.m.**

Bauer: Comment re possible future budget issue Ordinance re Bears and leaving trash out. Would like to add small item to budget funds could come from Animal Control a trash ordinance re leaving trash out and the consequence for this. Sheriff is working with fish and game now putting out notices re not feeding wild animals. CAO will put on his agenda for discussion

Tom Wallace wants to explain the misunderstanding re vehicles discussed last Wednesday for Mental Health. Order went through for Explorers and too late to cancel order. They are included in budget now but the total should be \$52,000 in budget

Farnetti: policy item – jazz festival; lost \$20,000 this year because of all the cost increase for tents, supplies, etc. This event brings in a lot of income; would like to support this event in the amount of \$15,000 for jazz jubilee. Consensus is to include this. County Counsel wants to know is this is a non-profit group.

Budget Workshop (**Brian Muir and David Wilbrecht**) - Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget workshop. Updated materials will be provided at the meeting.

**Action:** Continue the budget workshop from Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

Evan Nikirk, Public Works Director passes out Re-Organization for Mono County Department of Public Works and Impact of salaries and benefits.

Evan Nikirk explains meaning of New, re-staff, trade and upgrade positions. Also included is "fill vacancy" position.

Evan explains the re-organization chart and how he can shift employees in some districts to work in other districts;

Evan really wants 1h – board feels that others should be put into place first and see how it works.

Evan reports that phase I also includes materials such as \$50,000 for snow removal contracts; Bauer – advantages to contracting some of these duties. Hazard discusses pros and cons of contracting

Board approves phase I plus 2c,d and e and 3e in the amount is \$402,100

Policy items:

Farnetti – go back and discuss mega-byte property tax software system – should we pay for it outright. Brian explains pros and cons. Also discuss deficit in Social Services and reduction of same. It is being paid down each year – would be nice to pay this off. (\$500,000) Funding Mega Byte in full is \$850,245

Sheriff Scholl – discusses jail building and funding from Rural Cops grant – opposes this. This grant is for improvement of services to citizens. Does not want to see any building improvements from Rural Cops fund.

CIP monies (2.4 million) what is difference of putting money in CIP or Contingency Fund –

Bauer suggests consideration of money being put away for work on church parcel. Would like Board to be aware that community of June Lake will need assistance this next year.

Hazard suggests that some money be set aside for IMAAA use if needed.

CAO suggests some money in contingency for things that come up and emergencies and put the rest of the money and put it in Capital Improvement Plan. Board can always access this money if they need to do so. Encourages conservative savings.

Senior Support Services	\$50,000
Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,446,618
Contingency Fund	\$1,500,000

**1:10 p.m. ADJOURN**

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